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1. IN STATEMENT "BY AUTHORIZED SOURCE" NOVEMBER 15,

GOF HAS NOTED SIMILARITIES OF FRENCH AND US ANALYSES OF STEPS TO DEAL WITH ENERGY PROBLEM. STATEMENT NOTED THAT FRENCH AGREED WITH SECRETARY'S EMPHASIS ON GENERAL REDUCTION OF OIL CONSUMPTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OIL SOURCES AS BASIS FOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES' COOPERATION, AND SAID DISCUSSION OF RECYCLING WAS ALSO "APPROPRIATE". WHILE NOTING SECRETARY'S EMPHASIS ON NECESSITY OF COOPERATION BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, AND HIS "RECOGNITION" ON OTHER HAND THAT DIALOGUE WITH OIL EXPORTERS WAS ALSO NECESSARY, STATEMENT COMMENTED ONLY THAT FRENCH INITIATIVE FOR OIL CONFERENCES HAD RECEIVED "GENERALLY FAVORABLE" INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS.

2. CABOUAT, DEPUTY FOR ENERGY MATTERS TO BRUNET, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, TOLD ECON/COM MIN THAT THE STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HAD BEEN DRAFTED IN AND PUT OUT BY MFA. HE NOTED THAT FRENCH PRESS WAS INTERPRETING THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AS A CATEGORICAL REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRIPARTITE

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ENERGY CONFERENCE PROPOSED BY GISCARD. HE SAID THE GOF
REFUSED TO ACCEPT THIS INTERPRETATION. ON THE CONTRARY,
IT HOPED THAT THE DOOR TO THE CONFERENCE WAS STILL OPEN
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AND THAT IT WAS STILL POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE THE SECRETARY
TO MODIFY HIS POSITION. FOR THIS REASON THE MFA, IN
DRAFTING THE PUBLIC STATEMENT HAD FOCUSED ON THOSE
ELEMENTS IN THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH WHICH WERE CONSISTENT
WITH FRENCH VIEWS AND HAD DELIBERATELY CHOSEN TO IGNORE
IMPLICATIONS THAT THE US WAS SLAMMING THE DOOR ON THE
FRENCH PROPOSAL. CABOUAT SAID THAT THE GOF WOULD CON-
TINUE ITS EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE THE TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE.
HOWEVER, IT HAD NATURALLY HAD TO ABANDON ITS IDEA OF
HOLDING A PREPARATORY MEETING IN THE LATTER PART OF
NOVEMBER (GIVEN THE UNFAVORABLE ATTITUDE OF THE US).
CABOUAT SAID THAT NO ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE TO SCHEDULE
A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE UNTIL THERE HAD BEEN FURTHER
CONTACTS WITH THE US WITH THE AIM OF SEEKING TO OBTAIN
SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE. HE BELIEVED THAT
IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE US AND FRANCE TO COME TO SOME
UNDERSTANDING OF THIS QUESTION BEFORE THE MARTINIQUE

MEETING AND HOPED THERE COULD BE HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS
BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS VERY SOON. HE
RECOGNIZED THAT THIS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT, HOWEVER,
GIVEN THE FACT BOTH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND
SAUVAGNARGUES WERE ABROAD ON DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.
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